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SENATOR BARNETT: This also, in section 21, Senator Marvel, ties down the division of medical services in the Department of Public Institutions to adopt additional minimum standards to go along with that, and I hope I am getting to your question. If I am not, I guess you would have to be a little more specific.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now do we have, when you are talking about section 21, that you referred to, do we have a Director of Medical Services at the moment who is operating, who could administer this program?

SENATOR BARNETT: I would assume he could. If not, he could apply to or he could ask for direction from the Director of Alcohol Services who is Dr. Ford. There is a division under that area of Director of Alcoholism who is Dr. Ford, I believe.

SENATOR MARVEL: Are both of these people under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Department of Public Institutions?

SENATOR BARNETT: That is correct. I am pretty sure... well, we know that.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now if you are decentralizing on the one hand by putting the program into the community mental health centers, and then on the other hand, you are putting it into the hands of the Department of Public Institutions?

SENATOR BARNETT: Under their cooperation with the local boards in the mental health regions.

SENATOR MARVEL: How much muscle does the Department of Public Institutions under these people have? See, this has been one of the bones of contention with these community mental health and community mental retardation programs is that they do not want to be beholden to the Department of Public Institutions, as I understand the dilemma.

SENATOR BARNETT: I know exactly, I think you are right. I think you are right. The only thing is that we have to have some direction from somewhere, and what we are trying to do is come in with the local boards, with local problems, talking it over with DPI, also with the Director of Alcoholic Services to try to make the program work.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now is the Director of Alcoholic Services, Mr. Ford, directly under Mr. Cleavenger or is he under this...

SENATOR BARNETT: I would think he is under Mr. Cleavenger and I can't answer that for sure, Senator Marvel, but from past history I think he is under Mr. Cleavenger.